

carry advertisements conceived in the same spirit and making much the same exhaustive claims as the ordinary quack 'ads' of the daily press, and still fewer that are free from promises to 'cure' diseases which are incurable by any medicine.\* Thus the medical press is as strongly enmeshed by the 'ethical' druggers as the lay press is by Paine, 'Dr.' Kilmer, Lydia Pinkham, Dr. Hartman, 'Hall' of the 'red clause' and the rest of the edifying band of life-savers, leaving no agency to refute the megaphone exploitation of the frauds."

In this article Mr. Adams mentions a few of the rank nostrums which, through the medium of the dirty dollars they pay to medical journals for the purpose of aiding in defrauding the medical profession and the sick by means of advertisements, reading notices and paid-for "original" articles, have been prominent in debauching the profession and enmeshing the medical press in this tight-drawn net of fraud. "Ponds extract," "antikamnia" and "fig syrup" are specifically mentioned. A casual glance through a few of the medical journals at hand discloses the fact that one or more of these nostrums may be found in the advertising pages of the following "enmeshed" journals: *American Journal of Progressive Therapeutics* (truly "progressive"!); *American Medicine* ("founded, owned and controlled by the medical profession of America"?); *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*; *Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery*; *Chicago Medical Times*; *Cleveland Medical Journal*; *Clinical Review*; *Colorado Medical Journal*; *Eclectic Medical Journal*; *Kansas City Medical Record*; *Louisville Monthly Journal of Medicine and Surgery*; *Lancet-Clinic*; *Maryland Medical Journal* (official organ of the state medical organization); *Medical Bulletin*; *Medical Counselor*; *Medical News*; *Medical Record* (too dignified to pay any attention to its advertising pages, and willing to permit its advertisers to insult the medical profession and the American Medical Association); *Medical Times*; *Medicine*; *New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal* (official organ of the state medical organization); *New York Medical Journal* (its publishers invited the nostrum makers to express their indignation at the formation of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the A. M. A. in the pages of this journal); *New York Medizinische Monatschrift*; *Pacific Medical Journal*; *Physician and Surgeon*; *St. Louis Medical Review*; *St. Paul Medical Journal* (owned and published by the Ramsy County Medical Society); *Northwest Medicine*; *Medical Sentinel*; *Brooklyn Medical Journal* (published by the Medical Society of the County of Kings); *Journal of the Kansas Medical Society* (official organ of the State Medical Society); *Wisconsin Medical Journal* (official organ of the State Medical Society); *Annals of Gynecology and Pediatrics*; *American Journal of Surgery*; *Illinois Medical Journal* (official organ of the State Medical Society); *Western Medical Review*

\*Among others, the "Butler Positive Treatment," a sure cure for tuberculosis (*Alkaloidal Clinic*), and "Tr. Antidiabetica," a positive specific for Diabetes Mellitus (*Med. Review of Reviews*).

(official organ of the Nebraska State Medical Association); *Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery*; *Northwestern Lancet* (official organ of Hennepin County Medical Society); *Medical Review of Reviews*; *American Journal of Obstetrics*; *Albany Medical Annals*; and this is not all of them.

Does it begin to be apparent why the medical press is so exceedingly quiet when the subject of nostrum advertising is mentioned?

Drs. Pothier, Hume, Watson and Couret, of New Orleans, announce, in the *Journal A. M. A.* for September 23d, the finding of some previously unnoted bodies in the blood of yellow fever patients during the first four days of the infection. They do not make the definite claim that these are the micro-organisms causative of the disease, but they intimate the possibility. In view of the well-known filter test of the first yellow fever commission under Dr. Reed, it would seem doubtful that these bodies are, at least in the form noted, the responsible organisms. Still, they possess certain characteristics which will probably be noted in the causative micro-organism of yellow fever, when it shall be definitely recognized. If the transmission of a disease from human host to human host requires and necessitates a period of entertainment and change within an intermediate host, it is obvious that the direct transfer of unmodified infected blood from the primary host to a secondary host will not produce the disease. In all known diseases conveyed by an intermediate host, the responsible organism is thoroughly encapsulated, and the removal of this capsule or investing membrane, with the liberation of the contained organism and its subsequent modification and preparation for a second human host, can only take place within the intermediate host. While it may be freely granted that analogy is comparatively valueless in science, still it seems probable that conditions similar to those known to exist in other tropical diseases conveyed to man by an intermediate host will be found to prevail in the case of yellow fever.

We take great pleasure in publishing elsewhere in this issue of the JOURNAL some matter from the *Journal A. M. A.* concerning the "proprietary" known as "Pepto-Mangan (Gude)"—but not "good." The garbled and distorted extract from the report of the Porto Rico Commission has been appearing with regularity in the various representatives of the subsidized medical press of this country, and doubtless a number of honest and confiding physicians have been fooled into believing it. What shall we say of a manufacturer whose love for the medical profession is so great that he will sink to this sort of misrepresentation (to use no harsher word)? For years, this "proprietary" has been widely advertised in medical journals—and in drug store windows to the public. For years